



Goa University

Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy

Public Administration Programme

Report of Educational Field Visit to Sattari Taluka, North Goa

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Educational Field Visit to Sattari Taluka, North Goa
2. Date and Time	23 September 2026, 09:00 A.M to 05:00 P.M
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Public Administration Programme, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	-----
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Shri Rajendra Kerkar, Environmentalist, Writer and Secretary of the Mhadei Bachao Abhiyan.
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	2 Faculty members
8. Number of Student attended / participated	11
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	-----
10. The objectives of the	1. To provide students with a field-based understanding of

Program/activity/event	forest ecosystems, biodiversity, river ecology, and environmental conservation in Sattari Taluka. 2. To understand the environmental pressures arising from developmental activities, including deforestation, mining, damming, and tourism, and their implications for the sustainability of Western Ghats ecosystems. 3. To engage with Shri Rajendra Kerkar and gain insights into environmental advocacy, forest conservation, policy engagement, and the role of civil society in environmental governance.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	An Educational Field Visit was organized for the students of the M.A. Public Administration programme to Sattari Taluka in North Goa. Located within the Western Ghats landscape, Sattari provides an important setting to study mining, forest conservation, river ecology, biodiversity, natural resource depletion and environmental governance. The visit formed an integral component of the environment administration and sustainability course, enabling students to connect classroom learning on environmental policies and administration with field realities. The visit was guided by Shri Rajendra Kerkar, Environmentalist, Writer and Secretary of the Mhadei Bachao Abhiyan, whose experience in environmental conservation and advocacy provided students with field-based insights into forest and river conservation, natural resource management and environmental governance. The group first visited Nanoda village, where students were introduced to the Kalasa river and the concerns surrounding Karnataka's damming and water-diversion policies, and their potential impact on river flow, the downstream ecosystem and the communities dependent on it. The group then proceeded to Maloli village to visit

	Nirankarachi Rai, a sacred forest preserved through community belief and tradition. Students observed how such sacred groves function as community-protected conservation spaces. During the visit, students also witnessed first-hand the problem of water pollution in the area, which brought out the gap between conservation ideals and ground realities. The next halt was Mulgao village, where students explored how mining has affected the environment, biodiversity and the livelihoods of local communities. The visit allowed students to understand the long-term ecological and social costs of extractive activity, and the role of regulation and governance in addressing them. Apart from these sites, students also learnt to identify different kinds of medicinal plants and trees found in the surrounding landscape, and about their traditional uses and ecological importance. Throughout the day, interactions with Shri Rajendra Kerkar helped students understand the role of civil society, advocacy and policy engagement in environmental governance. The field visit concluded on a reflective note, strengthening the students' academic understanding of environmental administration and deepening their awareness of the challenges of sustaining the Western Ghats ecosystem.
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The field visit enabled students to move beyond classroom-based theoretical knowledge and directly engage with the environmental issues and governance challenges of the Western Ghats region. By observing rivers, sacred forests and mining-affected landscapes, and interacting with an experienced environmental advocate, students gained practical insights into how environmental policy and administration operate on the ground. In essence, the visit:

	• Deepened understanding of environmental governance, forest conservation and river ecology • Highlighted the impact of mining, damming, pollution and deforestation on biodiversity and livelihoods • Introduced the role of sacred groves and community-based conservation practices • Increased awareness of local medicinal plants and trees and their significance • Encouraged critical reflection on the balance between development and sustainability
13. Enclosures with report	Geo-tagged photos, Registration Sheet.

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13/10/2026

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Photos of the Field Visit







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Field Visit to Shirgao, Rede Ghati Reserve Forest, Maloli village and Nanoda

Resource Person: Shri Rajendra Kerkar

Date: 23/09/26

Time: 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

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